

These are just a few of the invaluable contributions that Lou and Sybil have made to the region and state as a whole. His impact on the countless lives and organizations will not be forgotten.

I'm proud to have known Lou, Sybil, and his five children, Adam, Phillip, Michael, Joshua, and Ellen. Please keep his wife Sybil, and his family in your thoughts and prayers.

TRIBUTE TO PEGGY TRIGGS

HON. DAVID YOUNG

OF IOWA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, October 27, 2017

Mr. YOUNG of Iowa. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and congratulate Peggy Triggs, of Grimes, Iowa for being named the 2016 Grimes Ambassador of the Year at the Grimes Chamber of Commerce Annual Dinner and Awards Ceremony earlier this year.

The Ambassador of the Year award honors a member who has been active in the organization and throughout the community. Peggy, even with the busy schedule that comes with being the owner of Cabinets by Design, still manages to attend almost every Grimes Chamber of Commerce event. Whether it's a ribbon cutting, a dinner, or any other event, Peggy is there lending her support to her fellow business owners and her community.

Mr. Speaker, it is an honor to represent community leaders like Peggy in the United States Congress and it is with great pride that I recognize her today for this outstanding accomplishment. I ask that all of my colleagues in the United States House of Representatives join me in congratulating Peggy for receiving this award and in wishing her nothing but continued success.

IN RECOGNITION OF DOMINIC FUCILE, PRESIDENT OF HANAC HARMONY JVL INNOVATIVE SENIOR CENTER

HON. CAROLYN B. MALONEY

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, October 27, 2017

Mrs. CAROLYN B. MALONEY of New York. Mr. Speaker, I rise to pay tribute to my dear friend and previous staff member, Dominic Fucile, as he receives the Volunteer of the Year award at the Hellenic-American Neighborhood Action Committee's (HANAC) Forty-Fifth Annual Gala. Dominic has truly made his community a better place to live.

Founded in 1972, HANAC provides social services to communities in need throughout New York City. HANAC focuses on the implementation and administration of services to benefit communities throughout the city. Serving over 30,000 clients annually, HANAC supports unemployed families, children, senior citizens, and those struggling with substance abuse. I started my career in public service working at HANAC, and I know firsthand that the work they do makes a huge difference in people's lives. From housing to ESL classes to social services, HANAC does an outstanding job of helping New Yorkers.

I am so pleased that HANAC is recognizing the remarkable work of Dominic Fucile. I first came to know Dominic in 1992 when I was running for Congress. He is one of the kindest, most considerate, genuine people I have ever known. I was proud to hire him as my Queen's representative and sad when he retired from my employ. But in truth, Dominic never stopped working in the community. He has always given generously of his time, with warmth, humor and charm.

Dominic's work as president of the HANAC Harmony JVL Innovative Senior Center (HANAC Senior Center) advisory council is an invaluable component of the work that the Center does. From organizing monthly dance nights to expanding arts and health services at HANAC Senior Center, Dominic works tirelessly to provide activities and programs that all members will enjoy. His strong managerial and organizational skills have led to the expansion of programs for the benefit of residents at George T. Douris Tower. Deeply respected by other members of HANAC Senior Center, Dominic has been instrumental in attracting people to the senior center. They know it is a place they will have fun and where they will be greeted warmly and made to feel welcome. His enthusiasm, selflessness and hard work make him a most deserving recipient of the Volunteer of the Year award.

Dominic dedicated his life to serving the people around him. As a former congressional staffer and a longtime employee of the United Nations, Dominic has demonstrated an unwavering commitment to public service and the betterment of his community. In addition to the countless hours Dominic has volunteered with HANAC, Dominic also co-founded the 29th Street Block Association to address quality of life issues in his Astoria neighborhood.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in recognizing the many accomplishments of Dominic Fucile, a man who has truly devoted himself to his community and his neighborhood.

A TRIBUTE TO THE BIRD'S NEST

HON. DAVID YOUNG

OF IOWA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, October 27, 2017

Mr. YOUNG of Iowa. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and congratulate The Bird's Nest in Bondurant, Iowa for being named the 2016 Bondurant Large Business of the Year at this year's Bondurant Chamber of Commerce Annual Dinner and Awards Ceremony.

The Large Business of the Year Award recognizes an outstanding community business with over 10 employees. The Bird's Nest, with owners Jill Sullivan and Felicia Collison, have provided a safe, secure, and educational place for children to go before and after school. In an age where parents are pulled in many different directions, The Bird's Nest helps to fill a valuable need for families in the Bondurant community.

Mr. Speaker, I'm proud to represent businesses like The Bird's Nest in the United States Congress and it is with great pride that I recognize them today for this outstanding accomplishment. I ask that all of my colleagues in the United States House of Representatives

join me in congratulating The Bird's Nest for receiving this award and in wishing them nothing but continued success.

TRIBUTE TO ASSEMBLYWOMAN SHARON QUIRK-SILVA, THE IRVINE CITY COUNCIL, FIVEPOINT AND THE ORANGE COUNTY VETERANS MEMORIAL PARK FOUNDATION

HON. J. LUIS CORREA

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, October 27, 2017

Mr. CORREA. Mr. Speaker, I would like to take a few moments today to honor Assemblywoman Sharon Quirk-Silva, the Irvine City Council, FivePoint, and the Orange County Veterans Memorial Park Foundation for their contributions to the Orange County Veteran Community.

These organizations have paved the long and tiresome road to establish the Southern California Veterans Memorial Park in EL TORO, Irvine, California. Their combined efforts have produced an ideal final resting place for our Nation's Veterans that our Orange County residents can be proud of.

In 2014, Assemblywoman Quirk-Silva introduced AB-1453, which marks the beginning of the journey to establish a Veteran Cemetery in Orange County. Through Assemblywoman Quirk-Silva's efforts and relentless advocacy, the bill gained the support of various State legislators. AB-1453 was approved and signed by Governor Brown on September 27, 2014, just months after Assemblywoman Quirk-Silva introduced the bill.

The Irvine City Council pressed forward by diligently searching for a proper location for the veteran cemetery within the Old Marine Corps Air Station, El Toro, which is of great significance to Vietnam-era Veterans. After much debate over the location, the council agreed on an ideal site, proposed by the FivePoint Company. The council's leadership and resolve would be instrumental in helping pass the necessary resolutions to move forward on the Veterans Cemetery.

The contributions made by FivePoint should also not go unknown. Fivepoint helped facilitate the selection of a pristine site for the veteran cemetery by proposing a land exchange deal with the Irvine City Council. Fivepoint's unyielding support for the veteran community and the county illustrates their belief of being a community based cooperation.

Finally, the Orange County Veterans Memorial Park Foundation, comprised of Korean and Vietnam War Veterans, was instrumental throughout the early conception of a Veterans Cemetery in Orange County. The relentless advocacy, collaboration, and achievements by Bill Cook, Zeke Hernandez, Brian Chuchua, Peter Katz, and Robert Brower will be a testament to their commitment to one another and the veteran community.

Mr. Speaker, I am honored to recognize the groups of individuals that have fought to establish a proper final resting place for our Nation's Veterans and the positive impact they have made on the Orange County Community.